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Condemning the discrimination, hate crimes, racism, bigotry, bullying and brutal violence perpetrated against Sikh-Americans, and all acts of vandalism against Sikh Gurdwaras in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CROWLEY (for himself and [see ATTACHED LIST of cosponsors]) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

RESOLUTION

Condemning the discrimination, hate crimes, racism, bigotry, bullying and brutal violence perpetrated against Sikh-Americans, and all acts of vandalism against Sikh Gurdwaras in the United States.

Whereas Sikh-Americans have frequently been stereotyped solely because of their appearance, practices and traditions;

Whereas numerous Sikh temples have been defaced and Sikh-Americans attacked out of ignorance and hatred, including instances in Michigan, New York, and California;

Whereas some incidents against Sikh-Americans appear to be erroneous attempts to place blame or exact retribution for the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks;

Whereas Sikh-Americans have been murdered, including the heinous attack and killing of six persons and wounding of others in the Sikh Gurdwara of Wisconsin on August 5, 2012;

Whereas Sikh-Americans are often targeted solely because of their unique dress and religious practices;

Whereas surveys have found that up to three out of every four Sikh boys in the United States are bullied due to their appearance;

Whereas the Sikh faith is the world's fifth largest religion, with more than 25 million practitioners worldwide, upwards of 500,000 of whom reside in the United States;

Whereas Sikh-Americans have lived in the United States for at least 100 years as pillars of American society, making invaluable contributions in business, politics, science and education;

Whereas Sikh-Americans serve in all roles of American life, including as family members, business owners, elected leaders, and members of the United States military;

Whereas Dalip Singh Saund served as a Sikh-American member of the U.S. House of Representatives in the late 1950s and early 1960s; and

Whereas under successive Administrations, the Department of Justice has rightfully reached out to the Sikh community to prevent discrimination and protect its civil liberties: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) condemns the commission of hate crimes
2 against all Americans, including Sikh-Americans;

3 (2) condemns acts of violence, bigotry and dis-
4 crimination against Sikh-Americans;

5 (3) urges educators, counselors and others to
6 support educational efforts to prevent the epidemic
7 bullying of Sikh-American children and families;

8 (4) supports outreach efforts by federal and
9 local law enforcement leaders to prevent violence and
10 hate crimes against Sikh-Americans;

11 (5) urges the U.S. Department of Justice to
12 begin documenting and quantifying hate crimes and
13 other acts of violence perpetrated against Sikh-
14 Americans; and

15 (6) expresses its strong support for the right of
16 the Sikh-American community to live in peace and
17 free from discrimination, hate crimes, bullying and
18 all forms of violence.